

## Paul, Sarah, Sophia & Emily Tester



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Safe Arrivals!

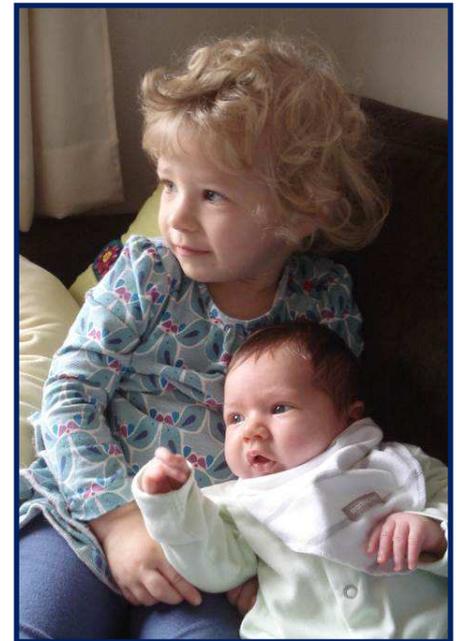
## CMS Mission Partners in Lima, Peru



“The water I give will be an artesian spring within,  
gushing fountains of endless life” - John 4 v 13-14

*Dear Praying Friends,*

Family has been the big focus of the last three months. We were so delighted to welcome Emily Beth into the world on 9<sup>th</sup> August weighing 7 lb 10 oz (she beat Sophia by 20 grams!). After months of risky pregnancy it was a huge relief to finally hold her in our arms. She has recently begun smiling and laughing and is an absolute joy. At two months old she recently made her first trans-Atlantic flight to the UK as we have come to see Sarah's Dad who is currently very seriously ill. Thanks to God for emergency passports from the British embassy for Emily and Sarah (Sarah's passport was in the UK with Emily's passport application) which enabled us to travel at short notice. It has been a real blessing that we have been able to come and spend time with Sarah's dad and Emily and Sophia are helping to bring joy to a very difficult family situation.



Emily with big sister Sophia.



“Happeners”!

Aside from the family stresses and strains the last few months have also been full to bursting with ministry and more. Your prayers for the Happening weekend were answered as Paul and other youth leaders took a group of over thirty away for a special time. The weekend has lots of surprises and twists which help the young people feel something of the fullness of the love that God has for them. Paul survived on 3 hours sleep a night (just a few days before Emily's arrival!) but it did seem to encourage the young people in their walk of faith in Christ.

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Paul did leave to others trips to promote youth ministry in the new missions in the central Andes and to Ica, south of Lima, allowing him to be present for Emily's birth. It was very encouraging to hear how youth ministry interns David and Susan stepped up in these trips, accompanied by fellow CMS Mission Partner Anna Sims who has been a real blessing in Paul's absence. David and Susan led sessions with young people and with whole congregations from the missions and also ended up on local radio and leading groups with children.

Lizbeth, the diocesan youth coordinator, who Paul had been filling in for, arrived back from studying for three months at the Youth Specialties Institute in Buenos Aires at the end of August, full of ideas. That has meant that leaving youth ministry in her capable hands has not been a worry and young leaders that Paul has been training up at San Juan Evangelista will be continuing the youth ministry there. At San Pablo Paul has begun a time of leadership training but sadly this is on pause whilst we are in the UK. As we write Lizbeth is in Arequipa where we ask for your special prayers for the clergy and youth leaders there after some difficult times in the church there.

**For your prayers:**

Please thank God for:

- Emily's safe arrival and the joy that she brings.
- Being able to travel to be with family at a difficult time.
- All the recent youth ministry activities (Happening, Family Fun Day, Mission Trips etc.)

Please pray for:

- Sarah's dad Brian's health and for the family, especially mum Marilyn
- Lizbeth with additional responsibilities whilst Paul is away.
- Youth and leaders at San Juan Evangelista and San Pablo.
- Clergy and Youth Leaders in the south of Peru.
- The Diocesan Youth Leader's Retreat from 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> November.

What would you do?

Back by popular request (!), we hope this section helps you get "under the skin" of overseas mission. This month we ask you to think about separation from family. Since discovering Sarah's pregnancy with Emily was risky we have been blessed by parents coming to help before and after her birth. However, we have of course also had to spend time without family close by and for a time were unable to travel. We are currently in the UK as Sarah's dad is seriously ill and are blessed to be able to spend time with him, but because of his illness Emily was two months old before meeting him. How would you balance the needs of mission and the needs of family? What would you do living so far from family?

*With love and prayers, Paul, Sarah, Sophia and Emily XXxx*